

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MACK MASON,

Case No. 3:24-cv-00116-LRH-CLB

Petitioner,

ORDER

v.

STATE OF NEVADA, et al.,

Respondents.

Petitioner Mack Mason has submitted a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. (ECF No. 1-1.) However, Mason has not properly commenced this action by either paying the standard \$5.00 filing fee or filing a complete application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) and the Judicial Conference Schedule of Fees, a \$5.00 filing fee is required to initiate a habeas action in a federal district court. The Court may authorize an indigent prisoner to begin a habeas action without paying the \$5 fee if he or she submits an IFP application on the approved form and includes three specific documents: (a) the prisoner’s financial declaration and acknowledgement showing an inability to prepay fees and costs, (b) a financial certificate signed by the prisoner and an authorized prison official, and (c) a copy of the prisoner’s account statement for the six-month period prior to filing. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a); LSR 1-1, LSR 1-2. Mason has 45 days from the date of this Order to either pay the \$5 filing fee or file a complete IFP application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the screening of Petitioner Mack Mason’s Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (ECF No. 1-1) is deferred until such time as he has fully complied with this Order.

1 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within 45 days of the date of this Order, Mason must
2 (1) file an IFP application on the approved form with the three supporting documents listed above,
3 or (2) pay the \$5 filing fee. Mason's failure to comply with this Order will result in the dismissal
4 of this action without prejudice and without further advance notice.

5 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court send Mason one blank copy of the
6 IFP application form for inmates along with instructions.

7 DATED this 19th day of March, 2024.

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